

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A network termination wall plug suitable for connecting an item of telecommunications customer equipment located inside a telecommunications customer premise to an external telecommunications network, wherein the customer equipment and the network are separated by a wall having an exterior side exposed on the outside of a building structure and an interior side located inside the building structure, the wall including a bore communicating through the wall, the network termination wall plug comprising:

a hollow body in the form of a tube engageable in the bore, the tube including

(i) termination means to terminate an exterior telecommunications line connected to the telecommunications network; and

(ii) connection means to receive a connector of the ~~interior~~ item of telecommunications customer equipment,

the termination means and connection means being so arranged that with a telecommunications line terminated on the termination means, connection of the connector to the connection means provides a network terminating interconnection between the customer equipment and the telecommunications network.

2. (Previously Presented) A network termination wall plug according to claim 1, further comprising:

a housing box including a cavity communicating with said connection means, said housing box also containing at least part of said connector means; and

wherein the connection means comprises a first inter-engageable member suitable for coupling to a second inter-engageable member, the second inter-engageable member being connected to the item of telecommunications customer equipment.

3. (Previously Presented) A network termination wall plug according to claim 2 wherein the first inter-engageable member is a line jack outlet.

4. (Currently Amended) A network termination wall plug according to claim 1 wherein the hollow body is further adapted to guide the path of the telecommunication line cable along the bore.

5. (Previously Presented) A network termination wall plug comprising:
a generally cylindrical body having circumferential irregularities to be received within and frictionally engage a bore in a wall having an exterior side exposed on the outside of a building structure and an interior side located inside the building structure, the body having at an interior end a cavity housing an electrical or optical connector,

the body also having a passageway communicating with an opposite exterior end of the cavity to permit a telecommunications network cable to pass into the cavity housing and to be terminated at the connector.

6. (Previously Presented) A network termination wall plug as claimed in claim 1 which tapers in its external dimensions throughout its length and being widest at said interior end.

7. (Previously Presented) A network termination wall plug as claimed in claim 1 which does not taper in its external dimensions throughout its entire length but whose said opposite exterior end is conical, tapering away from said interior end.

8. (Previously Presented) A network termination wall plug as claimed in claim 1 wherein said interior end of the plug is un-tapered in its external dimensions.

9. (Previously Presented) A network termination wall plug as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least part of the exterior periphery of the hollow body is provided with circumferential flanges.

10. (Previously Presented) A network termination wall plug as claimed in claim 5 wherein the connector is retained in the cavity by means of a snap-fit coupling.

11. (Previously Presented) A network termination wall plug as claimed in claim 10 wherein the snap-fit coupling is provided between part of the connector and part of the hollow body.

12. (Previously Presented) A network termination wall plug as claimed in claim 11 wherein the snap-fit coupling is provided between part of the body and a further component, the connector being secured within the cavity by the further component.

13. (Previously Presented) A network termination wall plug as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hollow body is moulded from a polyamide plastics material.

14. (Previously Presented) A network termination wall plug as claimed in claim 5, located within a bore in a wall having an exterior side exposed on the outside of a building structure and an interior side located inside the building structure, the cavity being contained within the wall.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended) A wall plug suitable for connecting an item of interior customer telecommunications equipment to an external telecommunications network, wherein the customer equipment and the external network are separated by a wall, the wall including a bore communicating through the wall, the wall plug comprising:

a hollow body in the form of a tube engageable in the bore, the tube including

(i) termination means, including an electronic module, for terminating to
~~terminate~~ a cable connected to the external network; and

(ii) connecting means to receive a connector of the item of customer telecommunications equipment; and

(iii) ~~an electronic module~~

the termination and connection means being so arranged that with the ~~with a~~ cable terminated on the termination means, connection of the connector to the connection means provides an interconnection between the equipment and the external network.

17. (Previously Presented) A wall plug according to claim 16 wherein the connection means comprises an inter-engageable member suitable for coupling to a second inter-engageable member, the second inter-engageable member being connected to the item of telecommunications equipment.

18. (Previously Presented) A wall plug according to claim 17 wherein the first inter-engageable member is a line jack outlet.

19. (Previously Presented) A wall plug according to claim 16 wherein the body is further adapted to guide the path of the cable along the bore.

20. (Previously Presented) A wall plug according to claim 16 wherein the body has at one end a cavity housing an electrical or optical connector, a passageway coupled to the cavity to permit a communications cable to pass into the housing and to couple to the connector.

21. (Previously Presented) A wall plug as claimed in claim 16 which tapers throughout its length and being widest at said one end.

22. (Previously Presented) A wall plug as claimed in claim 16 which does not taper throughout its length but whose end remote from said one end is conical, tapering away from said one end.

23. (Previously Presented) A wall plug as claimed in claim 16 wherein said one end of the plug is untapered.

24. (Previously Presented) A wall plug as claimed in claim 16 wherein at least part of the exterior periphery of the body is provided with circumferential flanges.

25. (Previously Presented) A wall plug as claimed in claim 20 wherein the connector is retained in the cavity by means of a snap-fit coupling.

26. (Previously Presented) A wall plug as claimed in claim 25 wherein the snap-fit coupling is provided between part of the connector and part of the body.

27. (Previously Presented) A wall plug as claimed in claim 26 wherein the snap-fit coupling is provided between part of the body and a further component, the connector being secured within the cavity by the further component.

28. (Previously Presented) A wall plug as claimed in claim 16 wherein the body is molded from a polyamide plastics material.

29. (Previously Presented) A wall plug as claimed in claim 20 located within a bore in a wall, the cavity being contained within the wall.

30. (Previously Presented) A wall plug as claimed in claim 16 wherein the electronic module comprises functionalities relating to any one or more of: test and diagnosis, ADSL, or HPNA.